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SUBJECT: Irrevocable Burial Trust

BHCE/BWP OPERATIONS MEMO

No.: 03-52

Date: 08/19/03

Non W-2 [X] W-2 [] CC []

PRIORITY: HIGH

CROSS REFERENCE: Medicaid Eligibility Handbook Appendix 11.5.1

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2003

POLICY

Effective July 1, 2003, Section 445.125 (1) (a) 2 of the State Statutes was changed to raise the amount of funds which may be kept in an irrevocable burial trust from \$2,500 to \$3,000. This change means that up to \$3,000 in an irrevocable burial trust is exempt when determining eligibility for all categories of Elderly, Blind and Disabled Medicaid.

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